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FM AMEMBASSY OSLO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9646

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: INFORMATION NEEDED FOR NORWEGIAN REVIEW OF VAT TAX RELIEF
FOR DIPLOMATS

REF: STATE 211888, NOV 22, 1972

1. FINANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES HAVE AGREED TO
REVIEW EXPANSION OF TAX RELIEF FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS
FROM NORWEGIAN VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT). PARTICULARLY CONSIDERA-
TION WILL BE GIVEN TO RELIEF GIVEN BY THE NORDIC COUNTRIES.
I AM HOPEFUL WE CAN EXPAND ON RELIEF NORWAY GRANTS.

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT U.S. TEAM VISITED A NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES IN 1972 TO REVIEW (A) VAT IMPACT ON USG DIPLOMATIC
CONSULAR EXPENDITURES, AND (B) NATURE AND EXTENT OF RELIEF
GRANTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY
OF REPORT AND CONCLUSION OF THAT TEAM ASAP.

3. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIPT FROM
DEPARTMENT (A) U.S. LEGAL POSITION ON VAT UNDER
THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND
(B) U.S. POSITION ON RECIPROCITY AND EXTENT TO
WHICH WE ARE WILLING TO WITHDRAW U.S. AND STATE
TAX RELIEF SO THAT TAX TREATMENT IN U.S. IS SAME
AS TREATMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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4. STOCKHOLM, HELSINKI, COPENHAGEN AND REYKJAVIK
ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDED INFORMATION BY OM ON VAT
AND RELIEF ACCORDED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS
TO DIPLOMATS.
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